

START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

- Have you been watching "March Madness"? If so, which team has been tested and survived? Houston? Marquette? Kansas? Who has been your bracket buster?
- If you are not a sports person, talk about a TEST you dreaded in high school.
 What subject did you struggle when it came to test taking? Algebra II?
 Chemistry? Other?

START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Read James 1:2-4.

- What should be our attitude toward tests/trials of faith?
- What do you think is the purpose of tests?
- What do you believe is the ultimate goal of God testing us?

START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

- When was a time of testing for you?
- What did God teach you during that time of testing?
- Is there anything you need to place on the altar this week?

Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

"Father, I don't always understand the testing of my faith. And to be honest, I don't like it! But, if your tests grow my faith, then BY faith I accept those tests. Because I want to have GIANT Faith. I'm willing to put anything on the altar in order deepen my faith in you! Show me. Teach me. Lead me. Guide me as I desire a GIANT Faith in YOU! In Jesus name, amen."

Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

- Reflect on the GIANT Faith self-assessment guide.
 - O Where do you want to challenge yourself to grow?